

Water Allocation Permit Fee Changes for 2022

A new fee schedule is effective January 1, 2022.

The Department of Environmental Protection (Department) adjusted the fees for water supply allocation permits, temporary dewatering permits, and water use registrations set forth in the Water Supply Allocation rules at N.J.A.C. 7:19-3.6. Notice of this fee increase was published in the September 20, 2021 New Jersey Register. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:19-3.4, the fees were adjusted for inflation based on the previous 12-month United States Department of Labor Consumer Price Index (CPI), U.S. city average, all items, all urban consumers. As provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, on July 1, 2021, the applicable CPI is 5.0 percent. Adjusted fees were rounded for accounting simplicity, down to the nearest \$5.00 increment.

Questions regarding the fee changes can be directed to the Bureau of Water Allocation & Well Permitting at (609) 984-6831.

Initial Application, Major Modification, and Annual Permit Fee Classes are based on the approved monthly allocation as follows, per N.J.A.C 7:19-3.5(d)

FEE CLASSES	Million Gallons per Month	
	From	To <
Class 1	3.1	15.5
Class 2	15.5	31
Class 3	31	62
Class 4	62	155
Class 5	155	310
Class 6	310	

7:19-3.6 Fee Schedule

- (a) Fees shall be charged for water supply allocation permits and dewatering permits issued under this chapter pursuant to the following schedule:

1. Initial application and permit modification fees (\$):

	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
i. Surface water diversions	6,390	7,200	9,290	16,010	17,495	18,980
ii. Ground water diversions	8,000	8,980	11,605	20,020	21,805	23,285
iii. Undiminished Return	3,810	5,105	6,390	7,685	8,865	10,055
iv. Dewatering diversions	7,775	7,775	7,775	19,870	19,870	19,870

2.	Annual fees (\$):						
		Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
i.	Surface water diversions	3,080	3,610	6,180	10,665	13,630	16,605
ii.	Ground water diversions	4,140	4,790	7,730	13,345	16,315	19,280
iii.	Undiminished Return	1,345	2,210	4,260	5,120	5,990	6,840
iv.	Dewatering diversions	4,025	4,025	4,025	13,245	13,245	13,245

(b) Fees for water use registrations issued under this chapter shall be charged as follows:

1. Any person who is required to apply for a water use registration pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:19-2.18 shall, along with a completed registration form, submit an initial registration fee of \$440.

2. Each person who holds a valid water use registration shall pay an annual fee of \$215.

For diversions within the Highlands Preservation Area, please refer to N.J.A.C. 7:38-10.2(g) for Water Allocation Permit Fees.